

NetCDF output for 8 stations using the circum-Antarctic biological model (CIAO) using model output of dFe dyes & physics as input.

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Project

» [Collaborative Research: Elucidating Environmental Controls of Productivity in Polynas and the Western Antarctic Peninsula](#) (Western Antarctic Polynas)

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Abstract

NetCDF output for 8 stations using the circum-Antarctic biological model (CIAO). Two different scenarios were run, one where meltwater from ice shelves were a source of iron (20 nM) and one where meltwater from ice shelves were set to 0. A previous calculated model (see related dataset) was used as input.

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Acquisition Description

For our model simulations we used the following output of the last year run of the circum-Antarctic ROMS model: horizontal (u and v direction) and vertical velocities, ice concentration and thickness, snow thickness, ice shelf thickness, temperature and salinity fields, heat fluxes, short and longwave radiation (see <https://www.bco-dmo.org/dataset/782848>).

For model description, see Taglibue & Arrigo publications (2005 and 2006). Additional modifications were made to match Fe inputs with the other data set in the project, see Arrigo et al. (2020) publication.

Data is extracted for 8 different stations:

1. Ross Sea: -77.83N -173.1E

2. Western Antarctic Peninsula: -63.87N -65.42E
3. Pine Island Polynya: -74.82N -102.5E
4. Amundsen Sea Polynya: -73.79N -111.9E
8. Under Dotson: -74.47N -112.4E
11. Ross Sea Central Polynya: -73.35N 177.9E
12. Ross Sea under sea ice: -72.59N -162.9E
15. Prydz Bay: -68.49N 72.84E

Processing Description

We ran two different scenarios, one where meltwater from ice shelves were a source of iron (20 nM) and one where meltwater from ice shelves were set to 0. A multi-year run was performed. Output is included of the second year model output.

The output files contain the following parameters (Name,Description,Units,Missing data identifier):

nitr,Nitrate,uM,50
silc,Silicate,uM,100
phos,Phosphate,uM,50
iron,Iron,nM,5
pha,P. antarctica,mg Chla/m³,25
dia,diatoms,mg Chla/m³,25
ppha,P. antarctic productivity,mg Chla/m³/h,1
pdia,diatom productivity,mg Chla/m³/h,1
pco2,pCO₂,uatm,1500
fco2,sea-air gas exchange,mmol C/m²/s,0
upnit,nitrate uptake,uM/s,0.0005
upsil,silicate uptake,uM/s,0.0005
upirn,iron uptake,nM/s,0.0005

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Data Files

File	Version
<p>CIAO_Output</p> <p>filename: vanDijken_OPP_NetCDF.zip (ZIP Archive (ZIP), 60.66 MB) MD5:caabca7169392d64610d2c1d3d3ea3a9</p> <p><i>NetCDF output for 8 stations using the circum-Antarctic biological model (CIAO) using model output of dFe dyes & physics as input. Two different scenarios were run, one where meltwater from ice shelves were a source of iron (20 nM) and one where meltwater from ice shelves were set to 0. A multi-year run was performed. Output is included of the second year model output.</i></p> <p><i>The output files contain the following parameters (Name,Description,Units,Missing data identifier):</i></p> <p><i>nitr,Nitrate,uM,50</i> <i>silc,Silicate,uM,100</i> <i>phos,Phosphate,uM,50</i> <i>iron,Iron,nM,5</i> <i>pha,P. antarctica,mg Chla/m3,25</i> <i>dia,diatoms,mg Chla/m3,25</i> <i>ppha,P. antarctic productivity,mg Chla/m3/h,1</i> <i>pdia,diatom productivity,mg Chla/m3/h,1</i> <i>pco2,pCO2,uatm,1500</i> <i>fco2,sea-air gas exchange,mmol C/m2/s,0</i> <i>upnit,nitrate uptake,uM/s,0.0005</i> <i>upsil,silicate uptake,uM/s,0.0005</i> <i>upirn,iron uptake,nM/s,0.0005</i></p>	1

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Related Publications

Arrigo, K. R., & Tagliabue, A. (2005). Iron in the Ross Sea: 2. Impact of discrete iron addition strategies. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, 110(C3). doi:10.1029/2004jc002568

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Methods

Dinniman, M. S., St-Laurent, P., Arrigo, K. R., Hofmann, E. E., & Dijken, G. L. (2020). Analysis of iron sources in Antarctic continental shelf waters. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*.

doi:10.1029/2019jc015736 <https://doi.org/10.1029/2019JC015736>

Methods

Tagliabue, A., & Arrigo, K. R. (2006). Processes governing the supply of iron to phytoplankton in stratified seas. *Journal of Geophysical Research*, 111(C6). doi:10.1029/2005jc003363

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Related Datasets

IsDerivedFrom

Arrigo, K., Dinniman, M., Hofmann, E. (2020) **NetCDF model output of the entire state of the surface layer, including simulated dFe dyes, of the circum-Antarctic**. Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office (BCO-DMO). (Version 1) Version Date 2019-11-25 doi:10.26008/1912/bco-dmo.782848.1 [[view at BCO-DMO](#)]

Relationship Description: This output of 8 stations using the circum-Antarctic biological (CIAO) model has used Antarctic dFe model dyes as input.

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Project Information

Collaborative Research: Elucidating Environmental Controls of Productivity in Polynyas and the Western Antarctic Peninsula (Western Antarctic Polynyas)

NSF Award Abstract:

Coastal waters surrounding Antarctica represent some of the most biologically rich and most untouched ecosystems on Earth. In large part, this biological richness is concentrated within the numerous openings that riddle the expansive sea ice (these openings are known as polynyas) near the Antarctic continent. These polynyas represent regions of enhanced production known as hot-spots and support the highest animal densities in the Southern Ocean. Many of them are also located adjacent to floating extensions of the vast Antarctic Ice Sheet and receive a substantial amount of meltwater runoff each year during the summer. However, little is known about the specific processes that make these ecosystems so biologically productive. Of the 46 Antarctic coastal polynyas that are presently known, only a handful have been investigated in detail.

This project will develop ecosystem models for the Ross Sea polynya, Amundsen polynya, and Pine Island polynya; three of the most productive Antarctic coastal polynyas. The primary goal is to use these models to better understand the fundamental physical, chemical, and biological interacting processes and differences in these processes that make these systems so biologically productive yet different in some respects (e.g. size and productivity) during the present day settings. Modeling efforts will also be extended to potentially assess how these ecosystems may have functioned in the past and how they might change in the future under different physical and chemical and climatic settings.

The project will advance the education of underrepresented minorities through Stanford's Summer Undergraduate Research in Geoscience and Engineering (SURGE) Program. SURGE will provide undergraduates the opportunity to gain mentored research experiences at Stanford University in engineering and the geosciences. Old Dominion University also will utilize an outreach programs for local public and private schools as well as an ongoing program supporting the Boy Scout Oceanography merit badge program to create outreach and education impacts.

Polynyas (areas of open water surrounded by sea ice) are disproportionately productive regions of polar ecosystems, yet controls on their high rates of production are not well understood. This project will provide quantitative assessments of the physical and chemical processes that control phytoplankton abundance and productivity within polynyas, how these differ for different polynyas, and how polynyas may change in the future. Of particular interest are the interactions among processes within the polynyas and the summertime melting of nearby ice sheets, including the Thwaites and Pine Island glaciers.

In this proposed study, we will develop a set of comprehensive, high resolution coupled physical-biological models and implement these for three major, but diverse, Antarctic polynyas. These polynyas, the Ross Sea polynya, the Amundsen polynya, and Pine Island polynya, account for >50% of the total Antarctic polynya production.

The research questions to be addressed are: 1) What environmental factors exert the greatest control of primary production in polynyas around Antarctica? 2) What are the controlling physics that leads to the heterogeneity of dissolved iron (dFe) supply to the euphotic zone in polynyas around the Antarctic continental shelf? What effect does this have on local rates of primary production? 3) What are the likely changes in the supply of dFe to the euphotic zone in the next several decades due to climate-induced changes in the physics (winds, sea-ice, ice shelf basal melt, cross-shelf exchange, stratification and vertical mixing) and how will this affect primary productivity around the continent?

The Ross Sea, Amundsen, and Pine Island polynyas are some of the best-sampled polynyas in Antarctica,

facilitating model parameterization and validation. Furthermore, these polynyas differ widely in their size, location, sea ice dynamics, relationship to melting ice shelves, and distance from the continental shelf break, making them ideal case studies. For comparison, the western Antarctic Peninsula (WAP), a productive continental shelf where polynyas are a relatively minor contributor to biological production, will also be modeled. Investigating specific processes within different types Antarctic coastal waters will provide a better understanding of how these important biological oases function and how they might change under different environmental conditions.

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